

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. By this Amendment, Figures 10 and 11 and claims 1, 5, 10, and 13 are amended.

Figures 10 and 11 are amended to recite "Prior Art."

Claims 1, 10, and 13 are amended to recite "first housing" in place of "first or stationary housing" and to recite "second housing" in place of "second or rotational housing."

Claim 5 is amended to depend from claim 2 rather than from claim 1.

Applicant submits that none of the amendments to claims 1, 10, and 13 have narrowed the scopes thereof. If anything, the scopes of these claims are broadened by the amendments herein. Specifically, eliminating "stationary" and "rotational" have deleted a limitation describing respective first and second housings.

No new matter has been added by the amendments to the Figures or the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Drawings

The Office Action asserted that Figures 10 and 11 should be designated by a legend such as "Prior Art." Figures 10 and 11 are amended to recite "Prior Art" as recommended. In view of the amendments to Figures 10 and 11, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection or objection are respectfully requested - if a rejection or objection has been asserted.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2 as indefinite, the rejection asserting line 2 of claim 1, as well as claims 10 and 13, as unclear. Applicant respectfully traverses this

rejection. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this Application, claims 1, 10, and 13 are amended as stated above. Applicant submits that claims 1, 10, and 13 are no longer indefinite - if initially indefinite. The other rejected claims have not been addressed as indefinite apart from depending from rejected claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that the other rejected claims are allowable as well and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Allowable/Allowed Claims

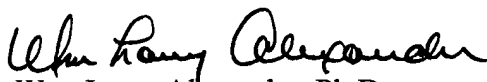
The Office Action stated that claims 2-9, 11-12, and 14-15 are allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, ¶ 2, and to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 10, and 13 were deemed allowable if rewritten in amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112, ¶2. Applicant submits that claims 1, 10, and 13 are in condition for allowance. Hence, claims 2-9, 11-12, and 14-15 are believed to be allowable as well.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figures 10 and 11 are amended to recite "Prior Art."